

Appendix B (Support for Claim Amendment)

16. (First Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a. means located at a site for permitting a user to interact with a data base responsively coupled via a publically accessible digital data communication network;

5 b. means responsively coupled to said permitting means via said publically accessible digital data communication network for offering data processing services involving access to said data [baser] base in response to said service request;

c. means responsively coupled to said offering means for preventing said offering means from offering said data processing services to said user in response to said service request unless said
10 site corresponds to a security profile wherein said security profile permits access to said data base.